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1. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN OCCURRED AS SCHEDULED APRIL 25. MOFA WOULD NOT AGREE TO OUR REQUEST THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS. FOREIGN MINISTER SIGNED PROTOCOL AND AGREED MINUTES. DIRECTOR GENERAL, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU SIGNED BOTH MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING. U.S. AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS WERE SOLE SIGNERS FOR U.S. AND CANADA.
2. TRANSLATION OF JAPANESE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AT TIME OF SIGNING AS FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL 25, FOREIGN MINISTER SUNAO SONODA, MR. BRUCE RANKIN, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, AND MR. M. J. MANSFIELD, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, SIGNED THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN. THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN, SINCE IT WAS SIGNED
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ON MAY 9, 1952 AND TOOK EFFECT ON JUNE 12, 1953, HAS PLAYED A GREAT ROLE IN THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT LAST YEAR BY THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA OF NEW FISHING MANAGEMENT RIGHTS WITHIN THE AREAS BEING COVERED BY THE EXISTING CONVENTION, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONVENTION. IN ORDER TO

COPE WITH SUCH A SITUATION, JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA CONDUCTED FOUR NEGOTIATIONS, AND AS A RESULT, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED RECENTLY ON THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE EXISTING CONVENTION.
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MAIN POINTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AS AMENDED BY THE SAID PROTOCOL, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION, WHICH IS BEING ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF THE EXISTING CONVENTION, SHALL BE MAINTAINED.

(2) WITH REGARD TO JAPAN'S SALMON FISHERY OPERATION, IT PROVIDES FOR SPECIFIC RESTRICTIVE MEASURES SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AREAS IN WHICH FISHERY OPERATIONS ARE PROHIBITED, FISHING PERIOD, ETC. AS PRESERVATION MEASURES.

(3) WITH REGARD TO SUPERVISION AND COURT JURISDICTION, THE PROTOCOL STIPULATES THAT, OUTSIDE THE 200 NAUTICAL MILE FISHERY ZONE, COURT JURISDICTION SHALL BELONG TO THE MARITIME FLAG STATE.

(4) IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO
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FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

WITH THE SIGNING OF THE SAID PROTOCOL, IT IS HOPED THAT THE CONTINUATION OF SALMON FISHERY OPERATIONS OF JAPAN IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN WILL BE SECURED AND ALSO THAT CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WITH REGARD TO THE PRESERVATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN WILL BE MAINTAINED. MANSFIELD

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